#### **TAUL MORTON IN REBATE DEAL**

RESPONSIBLE FOR FAVORITISM IN FREIGHT RATES.

knew of the Discrimination of About \$1,000 a Day in Freight in Favor of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co .-Prunty Says Railroads Own Public Men.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.-Testimony connecting Paul Morton, Secretary of the Navy, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railway Company and the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company rebate scandals are Interesting the Chicago public.

According to the testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission these relations amounted to a discrimination of about \$1,000 a day in favor of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. 'They were estabhed through an order issued by W. B. Biddle, freight traffic manager of the Santa At the time the order was issued, hower. Mr. Biddle was under the direct order of Mr. Morton, who was then second vicesident of the Santa Fé, in charge of the c department of that railroad system.

That Mr. Morton must have been cognizant of the relations between the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company and the Sante Fé was conceded by President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fé, Mr. Ripley was asked

"Who was in supreme charge of all freight matters of the Santa Fe at the time of the issuance of the order by which the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company was granted

It was not rebating," said President Ripley. "It was simply a figure agreed upon by private contract. Mr. Paul Morton was cognizant of it, and although his name may not be affixed to the order for its being carried into effect, he was the man from whom Mr. Biddle, the freight traffic manager, got authority to haul coal for the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company on the terms which you mention.

"Did you also know of it, Mr. Ripley?" "Why, yes, as I know of all our business. I consider it absolutely legitimate and will do it to-morrow again if I like. Mr. Morton was responsible for all traffic matters; and it must be over two years since we began deducting a difference in the case of the Colorado company."

"Then convictions will never come, in your opinion, Mr. Ripley?"

"Why, no. I can see through the whole thing. The Caledonian Coal Company Las for six months tried to secure what they imagine to be evidence against us in a suit for damages. They finally hit upon the idea of utilizing the Interstate Commerce Commission as a cat's paw to get at what they wanted. The commission consists of able and learned men and I am surprised that they permitted a private attorney to step in and conduct the examination in a matter which has nothing to do with public matter which has nothing to do with public transportation of passengers or freight, and which is really a contract between two roads to carry fuel for the use of one of them and the industries on its line."

"Was Mr. Morton in office when the order was given favoring the Colorado Fuel &

Iron Company?" Well, you mean the order which gave them a deduction as per contract? Why, certainly, Mr. Morton did not leave his position as second vice-president of the Atchison until last September, when he entered the President's Cabinet. Are they trying to make a national issue of this? They had better wait and see the outcome. I have not followed the evidence very

Interstate Commerce Commissioner

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Prouty said to-day:

"If the Interstate Commerce Commission
were worth buying, the railroads would
try to buy it. They have bought pretty
nearly everything in this country that is
worth buying, and the only reason they
have not tried to purchase the commission
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This statement was made by Mr. Prouty. in a discussion of legalized pooling. When asked, in view of this statement, whether it would be wise to give a commission control over rates, he replied:

"The public must trust some one, and that would be the best remedy it is possible to obtain under existing conditions. aware, however, that the great danger would lie in the possibility of the body to which should be intrusted the guardianship of the people's rights not performing its duty."

"Because of a possibility of purchase by the railroad interests?" he was asked. "Yes, but not in the sense of an actual cash transaction. The railroads, it is well known, own many of our courts and other public bodies, but not because they have of necessity bought them by the expenditure necessity bought them by the expenditure of money. They have a different way of doing things. They see to it that the right men, the men of friendly inclinations, are elected. There would exist the danger of their doing this in the case of a 'Strong' of their doing this in the case of a 'Strong' cent. in 1903, 35 per cent. in 1901. of their doing this in the case of a 'Strong' commission so that it might be composed of | per men who would sit idly by and do nothing of

When asked his opinion of Secretary Morton's pooling plan, Mr. Prouty said: "Rate control by a commission would come far from removing all the evils that attend the pooling of railway earnings. The people are concerned in only two things in connection with the railroads, the facility of service and the rates. In my opinion

there is no longer any competition as to

rates worth mentioning. "The only thing the people have left is competition as to the facility. It is a godsend to the shipper to-day, and there are some independent roads that are still strug gling for business. With legalized pooling every incentive to competition as to th facility of service would be removed, as it would make little or no difference to railroad whether it carried the busine

NO LAW VIOLATED, SAYS RIPLEY. Commenting further on the charge again th Santa Fé; President Ripley said:

"The arrangement which is under dis cussion was made with the El Paso an Northwestern Railway Company for i own benefit and use and in no mann discriminated against any individua firm or corporation in the coal business Neither this company nor any of its officer is in any manner interested financially or otherwise in the Colorado Fuel and Ire Company or its operations or in any other coal company, and this statement include Mr. Morton, who is now not an officer of the company but was at the time this arrange.

ment was made. We have broken no law and have nothing to apologize for.

"The Interstate Commerce Commission has permitted itself to be used as a cat's paw in furtherance of a suit for damages instituted by a coal company, which is located in a totally different section of the country and which has been neither injured nor discriminated against by the action on which the complaint is based."

## Business Troubles.

Schedules in bankruptcy of Du Vivier & Co. orporation), who lessle dealers in wines and addors at 22 Warren street, show liabillies of \$240,471, of which \$180,116 is secured, and nominal assets, \$100,388. Sydney Ollendorff, formerly a manufacturer of dresses at 41 East Twenty-first street, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities \$0,043 and assets \$406.

COAL COMPANY SUES MANAGER, Alleging That He Milked It of \$340,000 While Managing It.

The Columbus and Hocking Coal and Iron Company, whose \$8,943,500 of stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, has brought suit in the Court of Common Pleas in Franklin county, Ohio, for an accounting from its former vice-president and manager, Sidney A. McManigal, alleging that through his machinations it has lost at least \$340,000. Mr. McManigal and W. R. Zeigler, the then president, who is not, however, concerned in the suit, were ousted from the company in May last, when the Stock Exchange house of Lathrop & building and member of many Irish Catholic Smith, with associates, took over the control of the company, which owns big coal

fields in Athens and Hocking counties,

Ohio, with main offices in Columbus.

The papers in the suit, which is brought for the company by its attorney, Robert R. Little, of case & White, 31 Nassau street, allege that while Mr. McManigal was vice-president of the company in 1902, and in sole charge of its affairs, Mr. Zeigler being a resident of this city and the other directors holding only one share each of the stock. holding only one share each of the stock, the company had a contract with the Maple Hill Coal Company by which the latter was to turn over its year's cutput to the Hocking company at 73 and 88 cents a ton, and that, breaking this contract with the Columbus and Hocking Company without the consent of the company, McManigal secured the rights under it for \$35,000 from the Maple Hill company and organized another, the Maple Hill Coal Company, of whose capital stock of \$40,000 he heid \$25,000, to which he turned over the rights. This was just after the coal famine, and the papers allege that through the opera-tion he cleared for the new company \$38,000 tion he cleared for the new company \$38,000 in four months to pay the purchase price of \$35,000, and \$110,000 more by the end of the year allowed under the contract. In the meantime, the papers further allege. Mr. McManigal was drawing \$6,000 a year from the plaintiff and \$5,000 a year from his own company, the Maple Hill, as president, and its offices were in the same building in Columbus. These sums, or \$153,000, it claims, should go into the Hocking's treasury.

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The second allegation is that Mr. Mo-The second allegation is that Mr. Mc-Manigal organized the Hocking Coal and Ore Transfer Company, changing the name in 1899 to the E. T. Affleck Coal Company of Cleveland, to sell and market coal from the Hocking fields, and that to this company, the extent of his exact interest in which the plaintiff doesn't know, he delivered coal for years at less than the average price. The papers allege that from Oct. 1. 1991, to his deposition from office, Mr.

price. The papers allege that from Oct. 1, 1901, to his deposition from office. Mr. McManigal sold and deliverd to the Affleck company 417,000 tons of coal, or 30 per cent. of the Columbus and Hocking company's output, at 42 cents a ton less than the market value, thus causing a loss of \$175,000 to the Hocking company.

The stock of the Columbus and Hocking Coal, and Jron Company, is selling in the

1904 A GOOD BUSINESS YEAR. Began in Depression, but Steady Recovery Followed-Crops, Except Wheat, Fine.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s annual review of trade, which was made public yesterday, shows that the year 1904 was a pretty prosperous one for the business interests of the country. Early in the year there was a lack of confidence which held back new enterprises. Failures were above the average both as to number and amount of defaulted indebtedness, and prices of commodities gradually declined until July 1. Then began a steady improvement, which was helped along materially by the profitable agricultural season. Manufacturing plants steadily reduced the proportion of idle machinery, and labor disputes were comparatively few.

any previous year, notwithstanding a heavy any previous year, notwinstanding a heavy loss in shipments of bread stuffs, due to the smaller surplus of wheat. Money was abundant throughout the year, no financial pressure occurring at any time, and the latest reports of mercantile collections dicate that payments are becoming satis-

ictorily prompt. In the iron and steel trade the blast furnaces were producing in August almost twice as much as they were the year before, and the record mark was threatened when drought in the Connellsville region curtalled the supply of sold and also restricted even drought in the Connellsville region curtailed the supply of coke and also restricted operations in other than fuel departments. A large tonnage of steel rails has been ordered for 1905 delivery, says the report, several mills having already made contracts disposing of their entire output for the year. The poor quality of the wheat crop is a much more important factor than the small quantity, it is declared, the total yield being placed at about 551,000,000 bushels, against agg 000 grown in 1903.

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"Fase of an abnormal and unsatisfactory

and compares with a top, and 70 per cent. in 1901.

"A total of over \$115,000,000 gold exported during a year of favorable balance on merchandise account of about \$425,000,000 means that this nation's international position is greatly strengthened."

Incomplete returns of commercial insolvencies reported by Dun & Co. indicate that about 12,224 concerns suspended, having a defaulted indebtedness of \$144,307,462. These figures compare with 12,069 failures and \$155,444,185 habilities in 1903. The first quarter was much the worst of the year, but still compared favorably with the last quarter of the preceding year. The closing three months contained a much lower commercial death rate than the same months of 1903. The reports received in December of 1903. The reports received in December are better than the average.

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Surplus .... COLORADO AND SOUTHERN. The Colorado and Southern Rallway Company reports for November: 1904, 1903, Changes, Gross earnings ... \$580,580 \$515,849 Inc. \$64,740 Oper expenses ... 411,535 395,385 Inc. 16,000 Net earnings .... \$169.054 \$170.316 Inc. \$48.740 Taxes ...... 19.877 21.377 Dec. 1,500 Balance.....\$149,177 \$98,937 Inc. \$50,240

## REWARD OUT FOR OWEN KELLY

FRIENDS SAY THEY FEAR AN-OTHER CRONIN MYSTERY.

No Trace Yet Secured of the Missing Philadelphia Bank Director and Leader in Irish Circles - Extensive Search Here and Abroad to Be Made.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31 .- A reward of \$1,000 for missing Owen Kelly, dead or alive, bank director, officer of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union, president of a big societies, was offered to-day by his brother, Patrick Kelly. In this Mr. Kelly's brother is backed by the Irish societies of which the missing man is a member. America and the British Isles have been

scoured for a trace of the missing man. Mrs. Kelly, the wife of Patrick Kelly, believes that her brother-in-law had met with foul play; that he had aroused ill feeling in certain radical Irish societies by his espousal of parliamentary agitation, and that he had been made the victim of a conspiracy similar to that in the famous case of Dr. Cronin

to Maine, taking in the foreign shores of Ireland and Bermuda and including a close inspection of every dive in New York

Few of the friends of the missing man knew that he had relatives until the present search was started. For twenty-five years Kelly resided at a hotel near Sixth and Girard avenues, one square away from his large grocery store at Franklin street. He rarely talked of his relatives. Several of his intimates knew that he had a brother somewhere. They had also heard him speak of a sister, who had married a man of the same family name, and who lived on North Second street.

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Men who had known Kelly as a member of the local Total Abstinence Association deprecated the fact that a reward had been offered for the return of his body dead or alive. They said that publicity might have the effect of keeping the man away from the city should he be alive.

Mrs. Kelly, however, asserted that she had been kept from acting too long already by such statements. She declared that there was now no doubt in her mind that her brother was dead and that they would be satisfied even to receive the lifeless body of the missing bank director. She indignantly denied the story of a double life.

"He used to take trips to New York once or twice a week," she said, "and when we asked him why he went there he said that it was business. It must have been something about the wool for the mill. He was a strong temperance man. I never knew him to take a drink. No one ever told me that he did, either.

"He came to the house on Oct. 25 and

that he did, either.

"He came to the house on Oct. 25 and talked to us for a while. He gave my little boy a gold watch for a present, and then started to leave. I called after him to come back soon, and he waved his newspaper. We heard afterward that from the board of the board of the board. our house he went to a meeting of the board of directors of the Title and Trust Company at Twelfth and Chestnut streets, and from there we believe he went to the train for

A man whose identity we have not been

New York.

"A man whose identity we have not been able to discover sent us word that Owen was seen at the New York gate in the Reading Terminal with several men. That is the last we heard of him.

"Owen was loyal to his own particular Irish friends. He belonged to a great many societies and was strong for them. In this way he made many secret enemies. He was for Parliamentary agitation and against radical measures. We have become convinced that some of Owen's secret enemies have lured him away. The case is almost the same as Dr. Cronin's, and we fear the end will be the same. It was with this idea more than the thought of getting information as to his whereabouts that we advised the reward. At first we were going to make it \$5,000, but we will see what \$1,000 will bring."

HUTCHINGS'S VICTIM DYING. Little Hope, It Is Said, That She Would Live Through the Night.

PORT CHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Julia R. Schofield, the 7-year-old daughter of George Schofield of East Port Chester, who was assaulted on Thursday night by John Hutchings, is unconscious in the Ladies' Hospital. The girl has been unconscious for twelve hours and there is little hope for twelve hours and there is little hope over a year. Schofield, the 7-year-old daughter of George Schofield of East Port Chester, who was assaulted on Thursday night by John of her living through the night.

Hutchings is in the White Plains jail.
He talks freely about the assault and from appearances does not appreciate what

## BANK STATEMENT.

Surplus Reserves Decrease \$1,563,800.

The exhibit of the Clearing House banks was generally regarded as disappointing. The increase of \$9,271,000 in the loan account represented the usual shifting of loans incident to the last week of the year, but the cash gain of \$919,600 was much less than had been pre-dicted by preliminary estimates. The surplus reserves declined, as a consequence, in the sum of \$1,563,800.

The weekly statement of averages of the Associated Banks of the city of New York compares as follows with that of last week

and of the corresponding week a year ago: This week. Last week. 1993.
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Deposits . 1,104,049,190 1,004,115,500 886,178,900
Circulation. 43,145,300 42,866,900 44,925,400

Total resv. \$289,695,700 \$288,776,100 \$231,086,000 Resv. req'd.. 276,012,275 278,528,875 271,544,725 Surplus... \$13,683,425 \$15,247,225 \$9,541,875 at lo of resv. to deposits 26.2 to deposits 26.2 26.4 26.0 The changes for the week are as follows: 

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CONFER ON AMERICAN COTTON CO. Meeting in Newark Behind Closed Doors -Lawson Not in That City.

A conference was held behind closed doors in the United States Circuit Court at Newark yesterday between Judge William M. Lanning, representing the district; Attorney-General Robert H. McCarter, Richard V. Lindabury, former Governor John W. Griggs and William B. Hornblower of this city. It was rumred that Thomas W. Lawson was present to begin proceedings against the Amalgamated Copper Company, and there were many anxious inquiries about it from this city. Mr. Lawson was in Boston, however, and had not been in Newark during the week so far as anybody could learn, although a telegram purporting to be signed by him was sent from Newark to Boston on Friday.

The subjects of the conference yesterday were the American Shipbuilding Company and the American Cotton Company, both insolvent concerns, for which reorganiza-tion is contemplated. The principal subject yesterday was the latter corporaton and the straightening out of the complications arising from the proceedings in both the Chancery Court and the United States Circuit Court. Application will be made on Wednesday

As a result of the statements of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, made to director of Public Safety Smyth, who was slightly acquainted with Owen Kelly, there will be begun a search that will extend from San Francisco to Maine, taking in the foreign shores of Ireland and Bermuda and including a state of the sheldon reorganization committee. as the Sheldon reorganization committee.

The order is that the report of Receiver Smith shall be confirmed and that on payment by George R. Sheldon of a balance of \$297,500 within sixty days from the entering of the order the receiver shall turn over to Mr. Sheldon certificates duly independent of the shares of the capital stock jorsed for all the shares of the capital stock

dorsed for all the shares of the capital stock of all the corporations sold to him.

A preliminary will be the vacating of certain portions of two orders issued in the United States Circuit Court of the Northern district of California and of Maine, restraining the transfer of shares of the capital stock of the Union Iron Works at San Francisco and of the Bath Iron Works and the Hyde Windlass Company of Bath, Me.

Another matter for consideration and Another matter for consideration and decision on Wednesday will be the amount of compensation former Senator Smith is to receive for his work as receiver.

#### WALL STREET CHANGES.

Banking and Brokerage Houses Announce New Partnerships.

Among the changes in banking and brokerage houses in Wall Street are: George F. Crane, who is retiring from active business, withdraws from the firm of Baring, Magoun & Co.

R. Walter Levy becomes a member of the

Francis M. Weld has been admitted to partnership in the firm of Moffat & White. The new partner has for some years been

associated with Blodget, Merritt & Co. of Boston and New York.

Robert C. Nicholas retires from the firm

Robert C. Nicholas retires from the firm of H. I. Nicholas & Co.

The Stock Exchange firm of James McGovern & Co. has dissolved by mutual consent and will be succeeded by Benedict. Drysdale & Co., the general partners of which are Lemuel C. Benedict, member of the New York Stock Exchange; Robert A. Drysdale, both of the old firm, and Richard Goodwin. James McGovern, senior of the old firm, becomes a special partner

#### over a year. COMMERCIAL.

Cotton and Coffee Markets Closed-Wheat Dull With Slight Changes in Prices -Provisions Dull.

SATURDAY, Dec. 31 .- The New York Cotton Exchange and the New Orleans Cotton Ex-change and the Liverpool Cotton Association were closed to-day.

GRAIN.-Wheat-Spot was dull. No sales

No. 2 red winter, 1c. under New York. Northwestern receipts were 324 cars; holiday last week and last year; Chicago, 16 cars; holiday last week and last year. Futures closed Mc. higher. Prices as follows:

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SHE LICKED THE INTRUDER.

TRAMP OR THIEF, MRS. AHEARN WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM.

Began With a Blow in the Neck and Ended by Kicking Him Downstairs-Maybe a Rolling Pin Was Thrown, Too-She's Sorry She Didn't Blacken Both Eyes.

It may have been a burglar who sneaked through the door of Mrs. Grace Ahearn's flat at 68 West 108th street yesterday, or it may have been a plain panhandler. It is certain that he was there for no good. It is also certain that he got a big surprise. Any man would be surprised if a peachy complexioned, blue eyed, neat little woman whom he was trying to bully smashed him in the neck with her right, followed with a left hook to the eye and ended by

with the toe of a high heeled slipper. Mrs. Ahearn was at work in the kitchen and her two children were playing in the dining room when she heard the knob of the outer door turning very softly. Then the door opened a crack-and there was a big man who needed a shave.

helping him down three flights of stairs

"What are you doing here?" asked Mrs. Ahearn. "I-I came to fix the gas jets," said the stranger, feeling for an excuse. "You didn't. You came to rob the place,

said Mrs. Ahearn: Right there the burglar made a serious mistake. He lacked powers of observa-tion, or he would have noticed that Mrs. Ahearn, while smail, was deep chested and broad shouldered, and that there was a touch of red in her hair. Falling to notice these things he began to talk back. "And it was something awful, the way he talked. I simply couldn't repeat it And so I hit him, said Mrs. Ahearn. "I caught him square in the neck, and before

And so I hit him," said Mrs. Aheam. "I caught him square in the neck, and before he could come around and hit back I hit him in the eye, and then I guess I lost my temper, because next I knew I was kicking him downstairs. I don't think I hurt him muci, because I had on my high heeled house slippers and the toes are too pointed to hurt a great deal.

"When I got to the second landing he squirmed round and gave me some more of his lip.

Office of Wells Pargo & Company.

51 Broadway.
New York, Dec. 20, 1904.

THE REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of THREE PER CENT. and an extra dividend of ONE PER CENT, have been declared by the Directors of the company, payable January 16th, 1905, at our office, as above.
The transfer books will close Dec. Sist and reopen January 17th, 1905.

H. B. PARSONS, Secretary. of his lip.

"Take your medicine like a man,' says I.

And I smashed him again. I hurt my
hand that time, but it made him take his kicking. I've got to get that right slipper repaired, because I just broke the sole. I'm sorry I wasn't in my walking shoes.
"The housekeeper says she found my rolling pin at the foot of the stairs. I remember that I threw something. I guess that was it. that was it.

"Anyway, he got past me at the street door. I was sorry, because I wanted to black his other eye." R. Walter Levy becomes a member of the firm of Maitland, Coppell & Co.

Philip M. Lydig becomes a member of the Stock Exchange firm of Lounsbery & Co.
Otto E. Lohrke, Rosen & Co. announce that George S. Stillman has an interest in their firm beginning Jan. 1.

Dominick & Williams announce that E. Lowndes Rhett retires from their firm.

Francis M. Weld has been admitted to

What's the trouble?" he said to Mrs. Ahearn, who was rubbing cold cream on her knuckles.

"Nothing," said Mrs. Ahearn. "I just kicked a burglar downstairs. That's all."

#### MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

Money on call, 303 per cent. last loan, 5 per cent. ruling price, 3 per cent. The stock Exchange is presented by Benedict, 5 per cent. ruling price, 3 per cent. The stock Exchange is presented by Benedict, 5 per cent. ruling price, 3 per cent. The stock Exchange is presented by Benedict, 6 per cent. ruling price, 3 per cent. The stock Exchange is presented by Benedict, 6 per cent. ruling price, 3 per cent. The stock Exchange is presented by Benedict, 6 per cent. ruling price, 3 per cent. The stock Exchange is presented by Benedict, 6 per cent. ruling price, 3 per cent. The stock Exchange is presented by Benedict, 6 per cent. ruling price, 3 per cent. The stock Exchange is presented by Benedict, 6 per cent. ruling price, 3 per cent. The stock Exchange is presented by Benedict, 6 per cent. ruling price, 3 per cent. The stock Exchange is presented by Benedict, 6 per cent. ruling price, 3 per cent. The stock Exchange is partner of the New York as the stock exchange firm of Ives & With the exception of sterling cables, which were weak under a cessation of the demand incident to the end of the year, the foreign exchange market held stoady at about the same rates as those ruling yesterday. Posted rates were quoted at \$4.85 for long bills and \$4.88 for short. Actual rates: Long bills and \$4.88 for short. Actual rates: Long bills, \$4.8470@\$4.8480; sight drafts, \$4.8170@\$4.8480; sig

Money in Louis-25c, premium.

Money in London, 36334 per cent. Rate of discount in open market for short and three months bills, 25 per cent. Consols for money closed at 8854 and for the account at 8854. Paris advices quote 3 per cents, at 97 francs 7245 centimes. The private rate of discount is 235 per cent. Exchange on London, 25 francs 15 centimes. Berlin advices quote exchange on London 20 marks 39 pfrs. The private rate of discount is 335 per cent. New York Clearing House statement: Exchanges, \$303,306,283; balances, \$13,765,237; Sub-Treasury debit balance, \$228,103.

Commercial price of bar silver in New York, 61%c. Bar silver in London closed at 283/d.
Mexican silver dollars were quoted at 48c.

The imports of specie for the week were \$222,329, of which \$145,687 was gold, making \$222,329, of which \$145,667 was gold, making total specie imports since Jan. 1, \$18,167,823.

Exports of specie were: Gold, \$893,333; silver, \$514,715; a total of \$1,508,048, against \$2,663,849 the previous week. The exports of specie since Jan. 1 have been; Gold, \$111,654,046; silver, \$38,337,231; a total of \$149,991,277.

Wall Street's Increased Business. These are some of the year's records in

AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE. 1903. 124.187,104 \$407,189,000 Bags coffee ..... 25,487,500 Importations. 25.487,500
Importations. 100 on deposits of \$5 to \$500 and on deposits over \$500 three and one-half per cent. on the remainder, up to \$5,000.

Deposits made en or before January 19th will draw interest from January 1st.

SAMUEL D. STYLES, Presidens. \$602,122,70

DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST.

THE CITIZENS CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF NEW YORK. BANK OF NEW YORK.

New York, December 16th, 1904.

The Board of Directors has this day declared a dividend of THREE PER CENT, free of tax, out of the earnings of the past six months, payable on and after January 3rd, 1905.

The transfer books will be closed from December 24th, 1904, to January 3rd, 1905.

HENRY DIMSE, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK. QUARTERLY DIVIDEND.

A quarterly dividend of FOUR PER CENT. has
this day been declared by the Board of Directors
out of the earnings of the past three months, payable on and after January 3d, 1905, until which date
transfer books will be closed.

HENRY P. DOREMUS, Cashier.

New York, December 23d, 1904. THE BANK OF AMERICA.

THE BANK OF Comments of the 1904.

New York, December 20th, 1904.

The Board of Directors have to-day declared a semi-annual dividend of TEN '10) PER CENT, free of tax, payable January 3d, 1905, to stockholders of record of this date.

The transfer books will remain closed until January 4th, 1905.

W. M. BENNET, Cashier.

ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS.

THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY OF NEW YORK. NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the stockhoiders of THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY OF NEW YORK will be held at the office of the Company, No. 46 Ceder Street, New York City, on Tuesday, the 19th day of January, 1905, at 11:30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and inspectors of election to serve at the next annual meeting, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting, including the approval of all of the acts of the Directors of said-Company for the past year. acts of the Directors of and year.

Year.

Polls will remain open from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock P. M.

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Consolidated Gas Company of New York. SAVINGS BANK, Firving Place.

December 20, 1904.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company for the slection of Trustees to serve during the ensuing year will be held at this office. Monday, January 23d, 1905. Polis will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M. Transfer books will close Saturday, January 7, at 12 M., and reopen Tuesday, January 24, 1805.

R. A. CARTER, Secretary. west 66TH STREET AND BROADWAY.
Interest declared at following rates per annum:
On deposits from Five to Five Hundred Dollars.
FOUR Per Centum:
On deposits from Five Hundred to Three Thousand Dollars, THREE and ONE-HALF Per Centum.
Deposits made now draw interest from fannary 1.
R. B. WALDO Compt. J. G. BOBIN Plysident.

DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST.

Dated, January 1, 1905.

The Raece Button Hole Machine Company

DIVIDEND NO. 75

A Quarterly Dividend of Two Per Cent. has been

FRANCIS A. SHEA. President.

declared, payable January 16, 1905, to stockholders

The International Button Hole Sewing

Machine Company

DIVIDEND NO. 32

A dividend of one per cent, has been declared, payable January 16, 1905, to stockholders of record at the close of business January 5, 1905.

FRANCIS A. SHEA, President.

The Mine Securities Corporation.

The Semi-annual Coupon bearing 7% interest of

The Ruby Basin Mining & Tunnel Co.

Five Year 7 per cent. First Mortgage Gold Bonds, due January 1, 1805, will be paid on and after January 3 by the Knickerbocker Trust Company. THOMAS J. TILNEY, Treasurer.

THE REGULAR QUARTERLY DIVIDEND of one

THE REGULAR QUARTERLY DIVIDENTS of one per cent. on the preferred shares and a dividend of one per cent. on the common shares in the Mackay Companies will be paid on January 10, 1905, to share-holders of record as they appear at the close of business December 31, 1904. The transfer books will be closed from January 1 to January 9, 1905, inclusive. T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE, Jr., Treasurer. Dated December 31, 1904.

Merchants Exchange National Bank
of the City of New York. Dec. 21, 1904.
The Board of Directors have this day declared
a semi-annual dividend of Three Per Cent., free
of tax, payable on and after January Srd. 1906,
until which date the transfer books will be closed.
A. S. APGAR, Cashier.

CITY OF PONCE, P. R. CITY OF MAYAGUEZ, P. R. CITY OF ARECIBO, P. R.

Savings Banks.

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NO. 644 BROADWAY,

107th Semi-Annual Dividend.

Monday in January next.

FRANK G. STILES, Secretary. CONSTANT M. BIRD, Ass't. Secretary.

wifi draw interest from January 1st.

Dec. 13, 1904.

JOSEPH BIRD, President.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15, 1904.

A semi-annual dividend at the rate of FOUR PER CENT, per annum has been declared and will be credited to depositors on all sums of \$5.00 and upward and not exceeding \$3.000 which shall have been deposited at least three months on the first day of January next, and will be examined after Monday, January

payable on and after Monday. January

draw interest from Jan. 1, 1905.

Money deposited on or before Jan. 10 will

WILLIAM H. S. WOOD, President.

656 and 658 Eighth Ave., corner 42d St.

89th Semi-Annual Dividend.

WM. G. CONKLIN, Secretary.

266 West 34th Street (Near Eighth Avenue)

FOUR PER CENT. PER ANNUM

CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK,

56 AND 59 BOWERY, COR. CANAL ST

SOTH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.

The Trustees have ordered that interest at the rate of THREE AND ONE-HALF (349) PER CENT per annum be paid to depositors on and after January 16th on all sums of \$5 and up to \$3.000 which have remained on deposit for the three or six months ending December 31st, 1904 in accordance with the by-laws and r les of the bank. Money deposited on or before January 19th will draw interest from January 1st.

HENRY HASLER. President.

EAST RIVER SAVINGS BANK,

113TH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.

A DIVIDEND at the rate of FOUR PER CENT, er annum has been declared for the six isonitis noting Dec. 31 upon all accounts entitled thereto, rom 55 to \$5,000, payable after Jan. 10, 1905.

DEPOSITS MADE ON OR BEFORE JAN. 10, 906, WILL DRAW INTEREST FROM JAN. 1.

Union Dime Savings Institution

BROADWAY, 32D ST. AND 6TH AV.
GREELEY SQUARE, NEW YORK.
Interest three and one-half per cent, from \$5 to
\$5,000. Credited January I, payable January 19th,
of any time later.
Money deposited on on before January 10th
draws interest from the lst.
CHARLES E. SPR. GUE, President,
FRANCIS M. LEAKE, Treasurer.
WILLIAM G. ROSS, Sweretary.

WASHINGTON

CHARLES FRAZIER, President, CHARLES A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

HENRY SAYLER, Secretary.

HENRY A. SCHENCE, Comptroller, WALTER COGGESHALL, Secretary.

of record at the close of bus tness January 5, 1905.

DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST. OFFER TO PURCHASE COUPONS DUE JANUARY 1, 1905.

# CHICAGO TERMINAL TRANSFER RAILROAD COMPANY

4% Bonds. The Guaranty Trust Company of New York gives notice that it will, on presentation at its office, No 28 Nassau street, in the city of New York, on and after January 3, 1905, PURCHASE ANY OR ALL OF THE COUPONS DUE JANUARY 1, 1905. ON THE GENERAL MORTGAGE 4% BONDS OF THE

CHICAGO TERMINAL TRANSFER RAILROAD COMPANY. Dated January 1, 1905. QUARANTY TRUST COMPANY of New York.

By E. C. HEBBARD, Secretary.

Referring to the above, the STOCKHOLDERS' PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE give notice that such offer is made with their approval, and that MESSRS. JOHN W. CASTLES, HENRY W. DE FOREST, ALBERT GOODHART, J. B. HARRIMAN and W. W. HEATON have been asked by the holders of large amounts of stock and bonds to act as a COMMITTEE to formulate a plan for the reorganization of the company, which plan will be announced as soon as practicable.

C. W. MAURY
H. R. POMROY
A. O. SLAUGHTER Committee.

Savings Banks.



Franklin

for Home Building and Savings will pay cash dividends after Japuary 1 at the rate of

5% PER ANNUM

to nearly 3,000 shareholders. This is its Thirty-second Consecutive Paridend. its Thirty-second Consecutive Paridend. It never misses one. The Franklin Society was organized nearly seventeen years ago, and has received and accounted for over seven millions of dollars without the loss of a penny to any of its members or customers. It is the best place in New York for the savings of men, women or children. Begin with the new year with any amount from a Dollar up to \$5,000. Deposits before January 10th share in earnings from January 1st. Send for further printed information to

THE FRANKLIN SOCIETY Park Row and Backman St., Manhattan. JOHN C. McGULRE, President. CHARLES O'C. HENNESSY, V. P. & Manager. GILBERT LLOYD, JR., Secretary-Treasurer.

BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION

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payable on and after January 16th, 1905. Deposits made on or before January 1th, will draw interest from January 1st, 1905.

L. A. STUART,
H. F. HUTCHINSON.
President.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

Coupons on the 6% Bonds of the above Cities, due January 1, 1905, will be paid at the office of J. M. CEBALLOS & CO., Fiscal Agents, 27 William PUBLIC NOTICE.

The City of New York, Office of the City Clerk.
City Hall, New York, December 20, 1904.

Nassau Electric Railroad Company having presented its application to the Board of Aidermen of The City of New York, dated the 23d day of August, 1904, for a grant of the right or franchise to use the streets hereinafter mentioned for street railway purposes, and for the construction, maintenance and operation of a double track street surface railroad as an extension of its existing railroad through, along and upon the surface of certain streets, such streets being described as follows: SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

railroad through, along and upon the surface of certain streets, such streets being described as follows:

Upon and along Navy street, from the intersection of Navy street and Concord street to the Incersection of Plushing avenue and Navy street, and upon and along studson avenue, from the intersection of Concord street and Hudson avenue, to the intersection of Concord street and Hudson avenue, to the intersection of Flushing avenue and Hudson avenue, to connect at the intersections at Concord street with Hudson avenue and with Navy street with the tracks of the Nassau Electric Railroad Company upon Concord-street, and to connect at the intersections of Hudson avenue and of Navy street with Flushing avenue with the wacks of the Brooklyn City Railroad Company on Flushing avenue, tog ther with the necessary sidings, awitches turnouts, poles, wires and appurtenances. Now, therefore, pursuant to a direction given by a resolution of the Board of Aldermen of The City of New York, which was adopted on the 15th day of December, 1904, and approved by his Honor the Mayor of said City, on the 26th day of December, 1904, and approved by his Honor Aldermen, in the City Hall, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on the 5th day of January, 1905, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, such application of said railroad company will be first considered and a public hearing had thereon, and all persons interested in said application are notified to be present at the time and place aforesaid, as an opportunity will then and there be given them The Trustees of this institution have declared interest at the rate of THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. per annum on all sums (by the rules entitled thereto) not exceeding \$3,000 remaining on deposit during the three or six months ending on the list inst., payable on and after the saire Deposits made on or before January 10th, 1908, The Bowery Savings Bank,

to be heard in relation thereto.
P. J. SCULLY. City Clerk. The City of New York—Office of the Chy Clerk.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

The City of New York—Office of the Chy Clerk.

City Hall. New York. December 20, 1804.

The Brooklyn City Railroad Company, inaving presented its application to the Board of Aidermen of The City of New York, dated the 6th day of July, 1804, for a stant of the right of franchise to use the streets hereinafter mentioned for street railway purposes, and for the construction, maintenance and operation of a single track streets surface railroad as an extension of its existing railroad through, along and upon the surface of certain streets, such streets being described as follows: Upon and along Tillary street, from the intersection of Tillary and Fulton streets to the intersection of Tillary and Washington streets to the intersection of Tillary and Washington streets, and to connect at the intersection of Tillary and Pulton streets, with the double track street surface railroad of the Brooklyn City Hallroad Company on Fulton streets, and to connect at the intersection of Tillary and Washington streets with the double track street surface railroad of the Brooklyn City Hallroad Company on Fulton street, and to connect at the intersection of Tillary and Washington streets with the double track street surface railroad of the Brooklyn City Hallroad Company on Washington street, and to connect with the necessary to connect with said railroad tracks on Fulton street and on Washington street, together with the necessary to connect with depots, car barns or tracks for stolage of cars on lands abutting on Tillary street, hew York, which was adopted on the 13th day of December, 1804, and approved by his Honer the Mayor of said City on the 20th day of December, 1804, and approved by his Honer the Mayor of said City on the 20th day of December, 1804, and approved by his Honer the Mayor of said City on the 20th day of December, 1804, and approved by his Honer the Mayor of said City on the 20th day of December, 1804, and approved by his Honer the Mayor of said City on THE FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK. On and after January 16th, 1905, interest at the rate of THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. PER ANNUM will be paid to the depositors entitled thereto on all sums of \$5 to \$8,000. Money deposited on or before the 10th of January will draw interest from the 1st. Bank open dady from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and Monday from 6 to 8 P. M., holidays excepted. Closes at 12 M. on Saturday. Assets \$16,250,000. Surplus, \$850,000. NORTH RIVER SAVINGS BANK. The Board of Trustees have directed that in-terest be credited depositors on Dec. 31st, 1904, at the rate of

HELP WANTED-FEMALES.

WANTED-Young woman measuring 38 chest (about 57 full bust), 26 waist and 48 hip, being 5 ft. 6 inches in height; steady position as model; good wages and light, clean workroom; company of highest standing; none need apply unless conforming with measurements exactly. 16 Vandam st., New

HELP WANTED-MALE.

WANTED-A MANAGER FOR ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT OF A LARGE ESTABLISHED MANUFACTURING COMPANY, CAPABLE OF SETTING PRICES AND TAKING ENTIRE CHARGE OF SALES OF LEAD COVERED CABLES, RUBBER COVERED WIRE, PANEL BOARDS AND SWITCHBOARDS. NONE BUT THOSE EXPERIENCED IN SELLING THIS CLASS OF MATERIAL NEED APPLY, GOOD SALARY WILL HE PAID TO PROPER APPLICANT. ADDRESS, WITH FULL PARTICULARS, W. C. L., BOX 50 SUN OFFICE.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LIFE East Side.

West Side.

44TH ST., 212 WEST.—Physician's office; other large, warm rooms; conveniences; meals optional; refined surroundings.

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PERRY ST., 12-Comfortable, well furnished large room, also ball room, with board; references.

BUSINESS CHANCES. HIGHEST PRICES paid for pawntickets, diamonds, pearls, watches and Jewelry. A. BAUM, 223 Bowery.

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DR. MOORE'S SANITARIUM for women (Estab-lished 1890), 33 West 97th st. Open all bours. Other advertisements

under these classifications will be found in Third Sec-